THEMES OF 40 "ARBA'UNA HADITH" AN-NAWAWI'S COLLECTION

An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith is a compilation of by Imam al-Nawawi, most of which are from Sahih Muslim and Sahih al-Bukhari. This collection of hadith has been particularly valued over the centuries.

1. Actions are judged by Intentions

- The importance of sincerity (ikhlas) in all actions.
- Every deed is judged based on the intention behind it.

2. Islam, Iman, and Ihsan

- Explanation of Islam (submission), Iman (faith), and Ihsan (excellence in worship).
- The six pillars of faith and five pillars of Islam.

3. The Five Pillars of Islam

- Shahadah (faith), Salah (prayer), Zakah (charity), Sawm (fasting), and Hajj (pilgrimage).
- The foundation of Islamic belief and practice.

4. The Creation of Humans and Destiny (Qadr)

- Allah's decree over human life.

- The stages of fetal development and the role of angels in recording destiny.

5. Innovations in Religion (Bid'ah)

- Rejection of newly introduced matters in Islam.
- The importance of following authentic teachings.

6. Halal and Haram are clear

- The clarity of lawful (halal) and unlawful (haram) matters.
- The concept of doubtful matters and avoiding them.

7. Religion is Sincerity (Nasihah)

- Sincerity towards Allah, His Book, His Messenger, leaders, and the people.
- The role of honesty in Islamic teachings.

8. The Sanctity of a Muslim's Life and Property

- A believer should not harm another believer.
- Prohibition of spilling blood unjustly and violating people's rights.

9. Avoiding What You Doubt

- The importance of leaving doubtful matters for peace of mind.
- A principle for ethical decision-making.

10. Allah is Pure and Accepts Only What is Pure

- The importance of earning lawful sustenance.
- The effect of halal and haram consumption on one's prayers.

11. Leaving That Which Does Not Concern You

- The virtue of avoiding useless talk and actions.

- A sign of a good Muslim is minding their own business.

12. Love for Your Brother What You Love for Yourself

- True faith is shown by wishing good for others.
- The importance of selflessness in Islam.

13. The Sacredness of a Muslim's Blood and Rights

- Prohibition of harming another believer.
- The importance of respecting honor, wealth, and life.

14. Prohibition of Anger

- The command to control anger.
- Anger as a gateway to many sins.

15. The Importance of Excellence in Deeds

- Allah has prescribed ihsan (excellence) in everything.
- Kindness in all aspects of life, including slaughtering animals.

16. Being Mindful of Allah

- Remembering Allah constantly and He will guide and protect you.
- The power of du'a and divine assistance.

17. Shame (Haya) is Part of Faith

- Modesty as a core value in Islam.
- True faith leads to good character.

18. Do Not Harm Yourself or Others

- The principle of "No harm and no reciprocation of harm" in Islam.

- The foundation of Islamic legal rulings.

19. The Responsibility of Leadership

- Every person is a guardian and responsible for their dependents.
- Leadership is a trust and accountability before Allah.

20. Allah's Mercy is Greater than His Punishment

- The boundless mercy of Allah towards His servants.
- Encouragement for repentance and seeking forgiveness.

21. Stick to the Straight Path

- Steadfastness in following the Qur'an and Sunnah.
- The balance between fear and hope in worship.

22. The Signs of Piety

- Avoiding unnecessary speech.
- True faith leads to upright speech and action.

23. The Honor of the Believer is in Worship

- Contentment and reliance on Allah.
- Avoiding excessive dependence on people.

24. True Strength is Controlling One's Anger

- A strong person is one who controls their emotions.
- Anger should be managed wisely.

25. Charity Does Not Decrease Wealth

- Generosity leads to spiritual and material increase.
- The blessings of giving in charity.

26. The Rights of Allah and People

- The balance between worshiping Allah and fulfilling obligations toward others.

27. Good Character Leads to Jannah

- The heaviest deed on the scale is good manners.
- Kindness and patience as keys to Paradise.

28. Avoiding Suspicion and Backbiting

- The prohibition of negative assumptions, spying, and gossip.
- The importance of guarding one's tongue.

29. True Wealth is Contentment

- Being satisfied with what Allah has provided.
- Gratitude as a means to happiness.

30. The Importance of Neighborly Rights

- Treating neighbors with kindness and respect.
- The rights of a neighbor in Islam.

31. The Virtue of Generosity

- Spending in Allah's cause without fear of poverty.
- Greed as a disease of the heart.

32. This World is a Means to the Hereafter

- The dunya is temporary, and the Hereafter is permanent.
- Using worldly blessings wisely.

33. The Importance of Sadaqah (Charity)

- Small acts of kindness count as charity.
- Smiling is also an act of charity.

34. Repentance Wipes Away Sins

- Allah's mercy for those who sincerely repent.
- No matter how great the sin, Allah forgives.

35. Righteous Deeds Protect from Hardship

- The story of the three men in the cave.
- Using good deeds as a means to seek Allah's help.

36. The Reward is based on the Ending

- Actions are judged by their final outcome.
- The importance of dying upon righteousness.

37. Do Not Envy Others

- Envy destroys good deeds like fire burns wood.
- Being content with Allah's decree.

38. Be in This World like a Traveler

- Life is a temporary journey; the Hereafter is permanent.
- Preparing for the next life through good deeds.

39. Allah's Justice on the Day of Judgment

- Fairness in divine judgment—no soul will be wronged.
- The scales of justice on the Last Day.

40. Trust in Allah and Tie Your Camel

- Reliance on Allah should be accompanied by effort.
- Balancing tawakkul (trust in Allah) and taking action.

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